

I. Amendments to the Claims

1. and 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) ~~The air cleaner system of claim 2 wherein~~ An air cleaner system for a vehicular engine, comprising:

a pre-filter which receives air flow containing particulates, the pre-filter removing a first proportion of particulates from the air;

a tray in which the pre-filter is positioned, the pre-filter is being inserted into and removed from the tray by sliding the pre-filter in and out of the tray; and

a primary filter which receives the air flow from the pre-filter, the primary filter removing a second proportion of particulates from the air, and the air flowing from the primary filter to an air intake of the engine,

the pre-filter being separately serviceable from the primary filter.

4. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 3 wherein the pre-filter is positioned adjacent to the primary filter.

5. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 4 wherein the pre-filter is formed of a rigid material.

6. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 4 wherein the pre-filter is formed of a flexible material.

7. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 3 wherein the pre-filter is positioned at an angle relative to the primary filter.
8. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 7 wherein the pre-filter is formed of a rigid material.
9. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 7 wherein the pre-filter is formed of a flexible material.
10. (Currently amended) The air cleaner system of claim 4 3 further comprising ~~a tray~~, a manifold connected at a first end to the tray, and an intake housing connected to a second end of the manifold, the pre-filter being positioned in the intake housing.
11. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 10 wherein the pre-filter is inserted into and removed from the intake housing by sliding the pre-filter in and out of the intake housing.
12. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 11 wherein the pre-filter is formed of a rigid material.

13. (Original) The air cleaner system of claim 11 wherein the pre-filter is formed of a flexible material.

14. (Currently amended) The air cleaner system of claim 4 3 wherein the pre-filter is formed of reticulated foam.

15. (Currently amended) The air cleaner system of claim 4 3 wherein the pre-filter is formed of felt.

16. (Currently amended) The air cleaner system of claim 4 3 wherein the first proportion of particulates is between about 50% to and 80% of the particulates by mass.